

III. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated September 15, 2006 has been received and carefully considered. Although Applicants do not agree with the rejection of claims 1-9, those claims are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer at this time. Claims 10-14 are pending in the application and have been allowed. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of those claims. No new matter is added by this amendment. Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully requested.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding rejections have been overcome or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. Any amendments are supported by the specification. Applicants accordingly submit that these claims are in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

If there are any fees due which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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